



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Yoshinori Ichishi, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3744

Examiner: Gene Bankhead

Title: VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONER WITH NON-CONTACT  
TEMPERATURE SENSOR

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date  
20060522, please consider the following.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to  
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one of the following patentably distinct species:

1. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1-9;
2. The species principally illustrated in Figures 10-13;
3. The species principally illustrated in Figures 14-20;
4. The species principally illustrated in Figures 21-24;
5. The species principally illustrated in Figure 25;
6. The species principally illustrated in Figure 26.

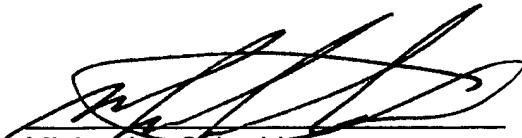
Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species 6 principally illustrated in Figure 26. Applicants believe that Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9-10, 14, 19, 21-22, 25, 27 and 30 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 14 and 25 are generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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